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(54) **Non-migrating vascular prosthesis and minimally invasive placement system therefor.**

(57) A graft assembly 10 for securely positioning a graft 20 at a predetermined location across an abdominal aortic aneurysm. The assembly includes a resilient self-expanding anchor 30 that is secured to the graft. The anchor is characterized as being at least as long as the graft, and further as being adapted to be removed or repositioned at any time prior to complete deployment in the patient.

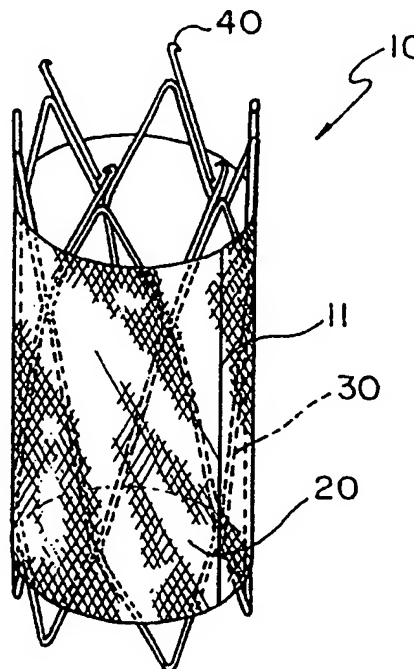


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1. Claims 1-15 : A repair device for placement in a blood-vessel.
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